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<u>CITY OF ROCKFORD HOLDS COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u> PUBLIC HEARINGS

Rockford, IL – September 1, 2011 - The City of Rockford will hold two additional public hearings to provide status of 2010 Community and Economic Development Program activities to interested citizens, groups and organizations and also provide this same audience with an opportunity to express their ideas and views on housing and community development needs as they relate to the City of Rockford's 2012 Consolidated Plan Annual Update.

The Consolidated Plan Annual Update satisfies the minimum statutory requirements for three federal formula programs: the Community Development Block Grant (DCBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and the Emergency Shelter Grants Program (ESGP).

The public hearings will take place at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at The Northwest Community Center, 1325 N. Johnston Avenue and then again at 5:30 P.M., Thursday, September 8, 2011 also at the Northwest Community Center, 1325 N. Johnston Avenue. The September 8th session is a repeat of the September 7th session and both will be held in the center's bingo hall.

The hearings will be assessable to persons with disabilities in compliance with federal laws upon notification of anticipated attendance. Individuals with disabilities planning to attend and needing special accommodations should contact by letter or telephone, the Neighborhood Development Division, Community and Economic Development Department, 425 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois 61104, 815.987.5690, by September 6, 2011 to make notice of their anticipated attendance.